GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:36
ANSWERED ON:19.02.2003
ULTIMATUM TO INDIANS
GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA;N.N. KRISHNADAS

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether UAE has given an ultimatum to Indians to leave the country by April 2003;

(b) if so, the total number of people who will be affected by this order;

(c) whether the Government have taken up the matter with UAE authorities;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have formulated any welfare fund for the rehabilitation of the affected people; and

(f) if so, the salient features thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE ANSWER TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. +36 T ANSWERED ON 19.02.2003

There is no ultimatum issued by the UAE Government to expatriates to leave the country by April 2003. There is, however, a general amnesty scheme declared by the UAE Government for those expatriates who are illegally staying in UAE to leave the country by April 30, 2003.

The total number of people affected by this order is not expected to be very large.

The Indian Embassy has been in touch with the UAE authorities for discussing the modalities and implementation of the amnesty scheme.

The Government has not formulated any welfare fund for the rehabilitation of the affected people.